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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 18-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 May 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SE/US)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/4/05
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 18-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
3. In claim 18, line 16 recites the counter member “engages” which is awkward and unclear since no distinct article follows to indicate to what the counter member engages.
4. Claims 22-34 all recite the limitation "A locking device" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.
5. Claim 22 recites the following limitations: "a backbow" in line 2, “a top compartment lid” in line 2, “a connecting member” in line 4, “a counter member” in line 4, “a through opening” in line 5, “at least two support legs” in line 6, “the at least two support legs” in line 7, “a receiving slot” in line 7, “the counter member” in line 8, and “the receiving slot” in lines 8-9. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.
6. In claim 22, line 8 recites the counter member “engages” which is awkward and unclear since no distinct article follows to indicate to what the counter member engages.
7. Claim 23 recites the limitations "the at least two support legs" in lines 1-2, and “the counter member” in lines 2-3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

8. Claim 24 recites the limitation "the support legs" in line 1 and "the counter emmber" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
9. Claim 25 recites the limitation "the support legs" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
10. Claim 26 recites the limitation "the support legs" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
11. Claim 27 recites the limitation "the counter member" in line 1, "a through opening" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
12. Claim 28 recites the limitation "two flap parts" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
13. Claim 29 recites the following limitations "the two flap parts" in line 1, "the counter member" in line 2, "the support legs" in line 4, and "the back bow" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
14. Claim 30 recites the limitation "the two flap parts" in line 1, and "the counter member" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
15. Claim 31 recites the limitation "the two flap parts" in lines 1 and 2-3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
16. Claim 32 recites the limitation "the two flap parts" in lines 1-2 and 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
17. Claim 33 recites the limitation "the two flap parts" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

18. Claim 34 recites the limitation "the two flap parts" in line 1 and 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

19. Claims 18-34 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Conclusion

20. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hilary Gutman whose telephone number is 571-272-6662.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Dayoan can be reached on 571-272-6659. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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